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Acta silvae et ligni

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Highlights: Work presents activities on main Slovenian forestry scholarly journal Acta Silvae et Ligni. Affords were made on graphical design, home page, policy strategy and open access.

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The scientific publications were always the key way of disseminating the research outputs and also an important stage in their evaluation and putting in frame of international importance. Recently changes in scientific communication due to European Commission activities and worldwide are encouraging researches to open science, in particular publications and available data to all communities. These shifts are also reflected in publishing activities of the Slovenian Forestry Institute (SFI). The European project EUFORINNO has offered a financial support to publishers of Acta Silvae et Ligni to focus and intensify activities for improvement of the journal.

Acta Silvae et Ligni (published as Research reports Forestry and Wood Science and Technology - ISSN 0351-3114) is the only Slovenian scientific journal dedicated to publish original or review scientific and professional contributions from the fields of forests, forestry, wood science and technology, forested landscape, nature and the environment. Journal in particular supports the development of scientific and professional terminology in Slovenian language. The journal is published in cooperation of three institutions: the Slovenian Forestry Institute, Department of Forestry and Renewable Forest Resources and Department of Wood Science and Technology at Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana. The journal has international editorial board and is among other bases also indexed in DOAJ. In 2013, with no. 100, its current title has been introduced with the purpose of boosting the internationalization of the journal. The journal keeps its bi-lingual policy with at least extended summary in national language and on national topics, aiming to fill the niche or its justification for the existence to maintain and develop the forestry terminology in Slovenian language, and possibly increase the societal impact of the journal. In parallel we try to broaden the readership by trying to achieve international visibility and readership through several finalised or ongoing activities. Among others, several changes have been done on graphical design, journal home page, policy strategy, an open access policy was introduced to bring the journal closer to all levels of readers, and a fully electronic submission system was successfully started. We also started with more intensive policy in attracting potential contributors at personal, institutional and international level aiming to ensure a regular income of quality contributions. The number of submitted manuscripts is still at unsatisfactory level, while the general impression of journal and its recognition in forestry community is improving. The journal is under evaluation within two major databases, Web of Science and Scopus, for these the review processes did not finish yet. The process of obtaining DOI for all articles is in final stage (e.g. membership in a specific DOI organization) and will be finalised by the end of the year with a guaranteed financial background for at least three more consecutive years.

In addition the digitalization process of 643 articles from the Zbornik gozdarstva in lesarstva was conducted and entered into the repository SciVie.

With all these activities we try to enable use and re-use of new and old materials that might otherwise not be readily accessible, and we thus support the advancement of forest research and development.

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